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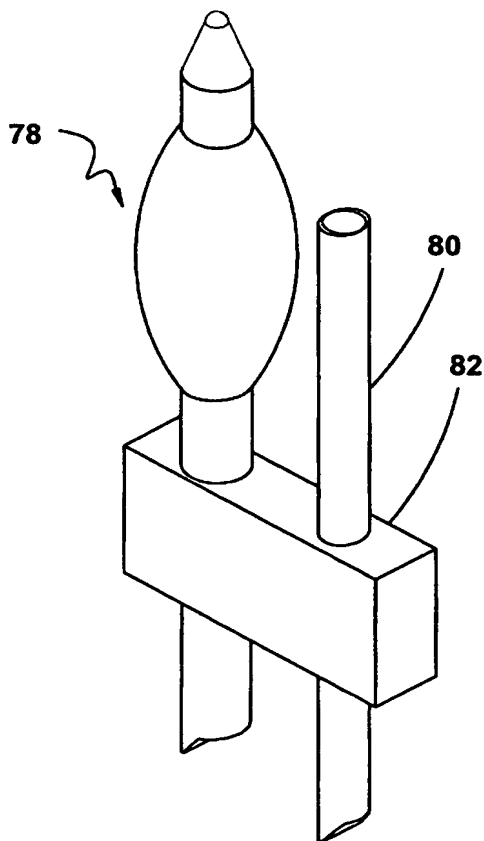
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(54) Title: INTRA-AIRWAY VENTILATION APPARATUS



(57) Abstract: A tube (30) for inducing gases into critically ill patients, in which the distal end (20) is perforated, and covered with an inflatable - deflatable sleeve (36). Gas is pumped into the proximal end of the tube (30), which inflates the sleeve (36) engaging the inner walls of an airway. The gas, typically a mixture of oxygen, subsequently exits the sleeve (36) and enters the airway. Auxiliary accessories (80) can be attached to the tube (30).

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1. claims: 1,2

Tube for introducing gases into critically ill patient comprising a sealed distal orifice.
(Problem: During insertion of the tube in the trachea, it happens that mucous parts enter and block the lumen of the tube).

2. claims: 1,3

Tube for introducing gases into critically ill patient comprising a perforated distal orifice.
(Problem: gas leakage during ventilation of the patient)

3. claims: 1,4,5

Tube for introducing gases into critically ill patient comprising a clamp.
(Problem: it is difficult to track and hold the positioning of the distal end of the tube in the lung)

4. claims: 1,6

Tube for introducing gases into critically ill patient comprising a side port.
(Problem: it is difficult to introduce medication to the patient without disconnecting the ventilation of the patient)

5. claims: 1,7-9,15,16

Tube for introducing gases into critically ill patient comprising a sensor at the distal end.
(Problem: the introduction of the tube in the lung is difficult)

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